

Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council December 2013-February 2014

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and current staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute, with funding from multiple sources. This update report shares highlights of Task Force work for the period of activity from December 2013 through February 2014. Work is underway on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC.

Highlights of Task Force work from this period:

- A well-attended Task Force meeting was held in February 2014 to review progress and new opportunities for cross sectoral collaboration to advance healthy and sustainable communities, with a particular focus on active transportation, **embedding health and equity into state guidance documents**, healthy and sustainable food procurement, and partnership with the Office of Health Equity.
- As the HiAP **Active Transportation** Implementation Plan nears completion, Task Force members and staff have held a series of meetings with State partners (Governor's Office of Planning and Research, SGC, Department of Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety, Department of Education, Department of Justice, Department of Public Health, and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency) and non-government stakeholders to:
 - Create an Active Transportation Implementation Plan 2012 addendum to document progress in this area, and
 - Develop a list of possible action steps for Task Force consideration for the 2014 Active Transportation Renewal Implementation Plan.
- Promoting **Access to Healthy Food** remains a priority for the Task Force.
 - The Task Force is currently gathering expert input related to next steps for the Farm to Fork Office, as the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Education, and CDPH continue this partnership.
 - A multi-agency Food Procurement Work Group, which includes several non-Task Force departments, is developing nutritional guidelines that the Department of General Services can apply to food contracts in order to support the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to meet its heart healthy guidelines for meals for inmates. This can improve the health of inmates and reduce health care costs. Because Department of General Services contracts are used by a wide variety of agencies, this also creates opportunities for other agencies to purchase healthier foods.
 - Building on the success of the 2013 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pilot program at the Department of Health Care Services and CDPH, Task Force members are working to bring a similar program to the Elihu Harris State Building in downtown Oakland, which houses staff from over 20 State departments.
- The Task Force continues to support **Community Greening** efforts and HiAP staff are serving as reviewers for the third round of the SGC Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities grant applications.
- At the request of Task Force members, staff are partnering with Task Force members to organize a series of topic-specific meetings so that Task Force members and their colleagues can

explore important topics related to advancing health, equity, and sustainability. The first of these will take place in March 2014 and will focus on the legal basis for a right to health.

- Task Force members continue to support **Healthy Housing**. The chair of the HiAP Housing Siting and Air Quality Workgroup drew attention to near-roadway mitigation research needs by co-authoring a Transportation Research News article, “Integrating Vegetation & Green Infrastructure into Sustainable Transportation Planning,” (Sept.-Oct. 2013) and participating in a conference workshop at the Transportation Research Board Annual Conference in Washington, DC, “Reconciling Transportation & Air Quality Planning to Promote Sustainable Development.” (January 2014)

Highlights of infrastructure and capacity development for the Task Force:

- The Governor’s proposed budget for SFY 2014-15 includes four positions in the CDPH to support the Task Force. This important step represents a commitment from the Governor and CDPH to ensure the sustainability of this initiative.
- The Task Force is included in statutes relevant to the new CDPH Office of Health Equity with a mandate for collaboration to prevent injury and illness through improved social and environmental factors that impact health. One HiAP Task Force member has joined the Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee to serve as a bridge between the two bodies. Many issues addressed by the Office of Health Equity will benefit from coordination and collaboration between the member agencies, departments, and offices comprising the Task Force, and similarly, equity-related activities of the Task Force are likely to benefit by coordinating with the priority strategies of the Office of Health Equity.
- The Task Force is exploring expansion to include additional agencies and departments that are not represented but that have become involved in current projects.

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